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REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank Examiner Lee for discussing the instant Final Office Action with Applicants' attorney, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, as well as for his helpful suggestions in order to respond to the instant Final Office Action and to put the instant Patent Application in a better condition for Allowance.

The Rejection of Claims 12-16 and 19-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn

Claims 12-16 and 19-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Applicants have cancelled Claims 19 and 31, per the telephone conversation with the Examiner.

The Applicants have amended Claims 12 and 24, per the telephone conversation with the Examiner, by replacing the phrase "an uncured fluoroelastomer layer of less than or equal to 0.3 mm thickness," with "an uncured fluoroelastomer layer of up to about 0.3 mm thickness," and therefore Claims 12 and 24, are now patentable. Additionally, Claims 13-16, and 20-23, and Claims 25-30, 32 and 33, depend from, and include all the limitations of Claims 12 and 24, respectively, and therefore are also now all patentable.

Therefore, the Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw his rejection of Claims 12-16, 20-30, 32 and 33, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

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CONCLUSION:

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 12-16, 20-30, 32 and 33, as amended, are now all allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is also invited to contact the undersigned attorney if any communication is believed to be helpful in advancing the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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